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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE: APPLICATION

OF: RUNGE ET AL.

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SERIAL No. 10/058,022

GROUP ART UNIT: 1615

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EXAMINER: H. N. SHEIKH

FOR: A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING DRY POWDERS OF ONE OR MORE CAROTENOIDS

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION

Sir:

Further to the preliminary submission presented by applicants along with the request for continued examination dated September 27, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

R E M A R K S

Applicants have conducted supplemental experiments which further corroborate that the use of at least one soybean protein in combination with lactose is essential in the preparation of dry powders comprising one or more carotenoids and that the combined use of the soy bean protein(s) and lactose conveys properties to the dry powder